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FOR RICHMOND OES, ALSO PASS GEORGE JAMES NATIONAL
SCIENCE FOUNDATION AND DR. DAVID HERSEY SMITHSONIAN
SCIENTIFIC INFORMATION SERVICE

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SUBJECT: FRENCH PARTICIPATION WITH SSIE IN EXCHANGE
OF INFORMATION ON ONGOING ENERGY-RELATED R&D PROJECTS

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1. MARKING THE SUCCESSFUL COMPLETION OF THE FIRST YEAR
IN SUBJECT COOPERATION, REPRESENTATIVES OF THE SEVERAL
PARTICIPATING FRENCH AGENCIES MET IN PARIS ON 30 OCT
WITH SSIE-SMITHSONIAN SCIENTIFIC INFORMATION SERVICE-
DIRECTOR HERSEY AND HIS DEPUTY LAKAMP TO DISCUSS
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PROGRESS AND PLANS FOR THE SECOND YEAR OF COOPERATION.

2. THE LEVEL OF FRENCH COOPERATION, AFTER THE UNCERTAIN BEGINNINGS OF A YEAR AGO, SEE REFTTEL, IS NOW SUCH THAT FRANCE IS LEADING IN PROVIDING MORE PROJECT INFORMATION SHEETS THAN ANY OTHER OF THE EUROPEAN PARTICIPANTS. ALL REPRESENTATIVES AT THE 30 OCT 1975 MEETING INDICATED THAT FRENCH INVOLVEMENT WOULD BE EVEN GREATER FOR THE SECOND YEAR. THEY PROMISED DELIVERY OF UPDATED PROJECTS' INFORMATION AS FOLLOWS: CEA (FRENCH ATOMIC ENERGY COMMISSION) BY 31 MARCH 1976, EDF (NATIONAL ELECTRIC UTILITY) BY DEC 1975, GDF (NATIONAL GAS UTILITY) BY END OF NOV 1975, IFP (PETROLEUM INSTITUTE) BY END OF NOV 1975, IRT (TRANSPORTATION RESEARCH INSTITUTE) BY LATE JAN 1976, CERCHAR (COAL RESEARCH) BY JAN 1976, BRGM (MINES AND GEOLOGY) BY EARLY 1976, DGRST (CENTRAL R&D COORDINATION AGENCY) BY JAN 1976, CNRS (NATIONAL RESEARCH CENTERS) BY END OF JAN 1976 (BUT NOT TO INCLUDE INFORMATION ON LABORATORY-INITIATIVE RESEARCH AS THIS IS NOT CENTRALIZED).

3. NOT REPRESENTED AND NOT PARTICIPATING WERE: MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY'S DIRECTORATE FOR APPLIED RESEARCH IN INDUSTRY (WHICH MAY HAVE PROPRIETARY INFORMATION LIMITATIONS), UNIVERSITY RESEARCH (UNDER THE SECRETARIAT FOR UNIVERSITIES, WHICH DOES NOT MAINTAIN CENTRALIZED INFORMATION ON UNIVERSITY-INITIATED RESEARCH), AND CNES (SPACE AGENCY).

4. BOTH SSIE'S HERSEY AND HIS FRENCH ANALOGUE JACQUES MICHEL, DIRECTOR OF THE NATIONAL BUREAU FOR SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNOLOGICAL INFORMATION (BNIST), CONGRATULATED THE PARTICIPANTS ON THE PERFORMANCE AND PROMISES OF THE AGENCIES THEY REPRESENTED. THE COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS RAISED BY PARTICIPANTS FOCUSED PRIMARILY ON TECHNICAL ASPECTS OF FORMATS AND USE OF THE STORAGE/RETRIEVAL SYSTEM AND DID NOT REFLECT THE CHARINNESS ABOUT GETTING INVOLVED IN A ONE-WAY ARRANGEMENT WITH THE U.S., WHICH CHARACTERIZED THE INITIAL MEETINGS ON THE SUBJECT.
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